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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR NSF FUNDING FOR DR. KENNETH HEWITT

1. SUMMARY. DR. KENNETH HEWITT, PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN ECOLOGY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE, COOK COLLEGE, RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, IS PRESENTLY IN PAKISTAN ON ONE YEAR'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE. DR. HEWITT HAS REQUESTED EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM NSF CONCERNING NUMBER OF PORPOSED COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES TO BE CONDUCTED TOGETHER WITH PAKISTAN SCIENCE FOUNDATION. HE HAS ALSO REQUESTED NSF PROVIDE SUPPORT IN AMOUNT OF RS. 60,000 FOR "PILOT PROJECT" TO BE UNDERTAKEN TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR PROPOSAL FOR SUBSTANTIAL RESEARCH EFFORT TO BE FORWARDED TO NSF LATER THIS YEAR. END SUMMARY.

2. DR. KENNETH HEWITT, PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN ECOLOGY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE, COOK COLLEGE, RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, IS PRESENTLY IN PAKISTAN ON ONE YEAR'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE. HE HAS A LONG-STANDING INTEREST IN THE NORTHERN AREAS OF PAKISTAN AND PARTICIPATED IN THE CONFERENCE ON "ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT AND AFORESTATION" HELD IN ISLAMABAD IN OCT. 1974. DURING THIS CONFERENCE DR. HEWEITT MET DR. Z. A. HASHMI, DIRECTOR, PAKISTAN SCIENCE FOUNDATION. DR. HASHMI WAS VERY INTERESTED IN DR. HEWEITT'S WORK AND THEY HAVE COLLABORATED ON A NUMBER OF EFFORTS IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

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3. DR. HASHMI REQUESTED THAT DR. HEWITT ASSIST PAKISTAN SCIENCE FOUNDATION IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

(A) PARTICIPATE IN A PLANNING WORKSHOP AT PESHAWAR UNIVERSITY IN FEB. 1975. DR. HEWITT HAS PREPARED A DISCUSSION PAPER ENTITLED, "PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH, TRAINING AND SCIENCE APPLICATIONS IN THE NORTHERN AREAS" TO BE PRESENTED AT THE WORKSHOP.

(B) PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR A MAJOR PROPOSAL TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE US NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH, EQUIPMENT AND PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN SCIENTISTS.

(C) ADVISE IN OBTAINING BASIC LITERATURE AND DATA ON THE NORTHERN AREAS.

(D) PARTICIPATION IN SUMMER FIELD TRAINING CAMP TO BUILD A POOL OF COMPETENT FIELD WORKERS IN THE NORTHERN AREAS.

(E) TO BE AVAILABLE TO ADVISE AND PARTICIPATE IN NORTHERN AREAS RESEARCH ON A "LONGER TERM BASIS."

(F) IDENTIFY DR. HEWITT'S OWN SPECIAL RESEARCH INTERESTS AND PREPARE A RESEARCH PROPOSAL IN COOPERATION WITH PAKISTANI SCIENTISTS.

4. WITH REGARD TO ITEM (F) ABOVE, DR. HEWITT NEEDS ASSISTANCE TO ENABLE HIM TO CONTINUE HIS WORK WITH PSF THIS YEAR. HIS LEAVE OF ABSENCE IS UNPAID AND HIS MAJOR ACTIVITY PRIOR TO HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH DR. HASHMI WAS COMPLETING A BOOK HE HAD CONTRACTED TO WRITE. AS HE SAYS, "NOW I MUST HAVE SOME FINANCING."

5. THE LOGICAL RESEARCH ACTIVITY IN WHICH DR. HEWITT WOULD INVOLVE HIMSELF WOULD DEAL WITH COVERAGE IN DEPTH OF HIS PREVIOUS WORK ON NATURAL HAZARDS. FOR THE LONG TERM, HE INTENDS TO SUBMIT A PROJECT TO NSF COVERING A THREE-YEAR PERIOD. HOWEVER, BOTH IN TERMS OF THE URGENCY OF DR. HASHMI'S NEEDS AND TO ENABLE DR. HEWITT TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL, HE NEEDS TO DO SOME PRELIMINARY WORK IN THE NORTHERN AREAS THIS SUMMER.

6. EMBASSY IS FORWARDING DR. HEWITT'S CURRICULUM VITAE: A COPY OF THE DISCUSSION PAPER MENTIONED IN PARA 3(A) ABOVE: A COPY OF AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY DR. HEWITT AND PUBLISHED IN DAWN MAGAZINE ON 12 JAN. 1975 WHICH DESCRIBES THE WORK HE UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS DONE PREVIOUSLY IN THE NORTHERN AREAS AND INDICATES THE AREAS OF RESEARCH WHICH HE INTENDS TO PURSUE: AND A STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES FOR THIS SUMMER'S PILOT PROJECT.

7. DR. HEWITT'S ESTIMATE OF SUPPORT (IN RUPEES) WHICH HE WOULD NEED TO SUSTAIN HIM FOR THIS SUMMER'S ACTIVITIES IS AS FOLLOWS: PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR (MAINTAINANCE SALARY FOR THREE MONTHS) RS.20,000; FIELD ASSISTANTS (THREE FOR THREE MONTHS) RS.9,000;

TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT HIRE, RS.6,000: PORTERAGE, RS.6,000:  
SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT (N.B. SOFTWARE ONLY--FILM, MAPS,  
ETC. MAJOR ITEMS WILL BE ON LOAN), RS.5,000: MOUNTAIN  
GEAR AND SUPPLIES (TENTS, CLOTHING, MEDICAL, MOUNTAIN RATIONS),  
RS.10,000: MISCELLANEOUS MAINTAINANCE (HOTELS, REST HOUSES),  
RS.4,000: XOR A TOTAL OF RS.60,000.

7. REQUEST NSF ADVISE SOONEST CONCERNING NSF INTEREST IN  
RESEARCH IN THE AREA PROPOSED BY DR. HEWITT AND INDICATE  
WHETHER THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY THAT NSF MAY BE ABLE TO  
PROVIDE FUNDS FOR SUPPORT OF DR. HEWITT'S PRELIMINARY EFFORTS  
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